PRESIDENT SAYS LEAGUE WILL MAKE WAR IMPROBABLE

dem Wilson told a crowd of several against the validity of secret treaties. thousand here to hight that no one beneved the learne of mations would make all wars impossible but that the | the mathers of the country in the face | ise for the common good. tion sections of the covernment be as serted, would "keen war on the out

Absolute Ignorance

mit tit "twle H any threat | 147 vestigated by the

"At presentfi" said he, "we have to rangement to prevent future wars. and our own business but under the

He did not mention any oppressed peo tion o fterritorial integrity. ple by name but many of his hearers remarked that they thought he spoke the case of Ireland.

Referring to the Shantung settle-Better Program, Mr. Wilson Says Japan repeatedly had promised to re-It's a Case of "Put Up or Shut turn the penisula to China. He did whole bad business." not go into the subject at length, how ever, but mentioned it in emphasining bedianapolis, Ind. Sept. 4.- Presid that the covenant would refuse to rec-

Kept Promise to Mothers. proudly because he had kept his prom

prevent our sending our men abroad States by the council must have the

When the governor mentioned that

generally was admitted outrovers became mater had not

Sclemn Pledge

There was not an oppressed people Belgium," he continued, adding that poses and objects of the war. anywhere, he said, that could not get one of the primary provisions of the

This provision, he pointed out, was contained in the much discussed Ar-

"Article X," declared the Presi-Calling Upon Opponents to Present a ment, the President pointed out that dent, "speaks the conscience of the world. It goes to the heart of this

> It was true, Mr. Wilson said, that every man surrendered part of his sovereignty wherever he promised to respect the rights of his neighbors; but he declared he could see no harm, The President said he could look nevertheless, in making such a prom-

> > Must Have U. S. Concurrence.

Pointing out that decisions by the league council must be unanimous "This league," he said, "is the only the President said that whatever judg acceptable arrangement which will ment was passed upon the United concurrence of the United States. He James P Goodrich, Republican gov- added that of course the American delegate on the council would not act that welcoming the President said everyone without instructions from his govern-

"setter pro- leng citizen also favored a strong na- that would be brought to bear on covenant breakers, the President said economic pressure would preclule the

need of force. Referring to the economic sections Mr. Wilson said that if he did wrong neeting was to hear the President. he would rather be shot than be stood

Explaining how the treaty free many small peoples, the President said It was ten minutes before the crowd that Poland, for example, had been ameted and the President projugiven "a unity she could not have eded. He feaced the incidents from won and an independence she cannot

The text of President

said, recalled applause) and yet I want

you upon the work which the repre dered prop | "If there had been nine days," said sentatives of the United States at ope of the peace construe. President, "Germany would not tempted to do at the conference of cause I realize, my fellow citizens, It was a sole on pledge to those that my colleagues and I, in the task treaty of peace contained, for I must who fought the war, said the Presis we attempted over there, were your frankly admit that in most of the dent, that there should be such an art servants. We went there with a distributed that I have heard in debate tinct errand which it was our duty upon the treaty of peace, it would be "The bet which was characteristic to perform in the spirit which you impossible to form a definite conrevenant and the league we can mind of the beginning of this war was the have displayed in the prosecution of ception of what that instrument means inlation of the territorial integrity of the war and in conceiving the pur-

"I was in the city of Columbus this ttention for its case under the league, league covenant was to prevent viola- afternoon, where I was endeavoring for which our men spent their lives

peace on the other side of the sea, be- to explain to a body of our fellow cit- on the other side of the sea. zens there just what it was that the

> "I want to recall to you for the purpose of this evening the circumstances of the war and the purposes

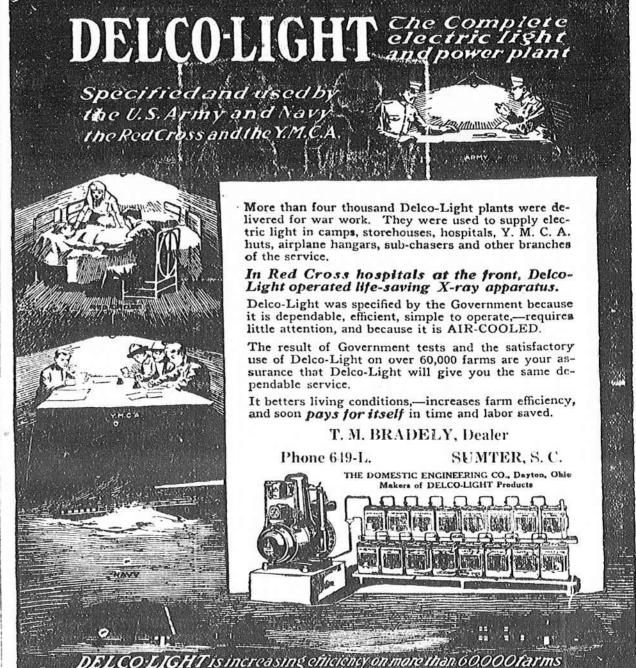
Cause of the War.

"You will remember that a prince of the House of Austria was slain in one of the cities of Serbia. Serbia was one of the small kingdoms of Europe. She had no strength which any of the great powers needed t fear. As we see the war now. Germany and those who conspired with her made a pretext of that accusation in order to make unconscionable demands upon the weak

and helpless kingdom of Servia. with a view of bringing about an acquiescence in those demands, but with a view to bringing about a conflict in which their purposes, quite separ ate from the purposes connected with these demands, could be achieved.

"Just so soon as these lemands were made, other nations of Europe sent telegraphic messages to their representatives at Vienna and Berlin urg

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